

12<sup>th</sup> September 2016



Dear Parents/Carers,

## NEWSLETTER No: 1 Autumn Term

So... our first newsletter of 2016-17. We were pleased to welcome everyone back after the summer holiday. Everyone is settling well into the school routine! **Our weekly awards assemblies will continue to be held every Friday at 9am starting this week. Please do join us if you can.** We are happy for you to bring along younger siblings and we provide a crèche so that you can enjoy the Assembly in peace!

### STAFFING & CLASSES for 2016-17

- Oak Class - Mr T Schofield
- Rowan Class - Mr D Patchett
- Silver Birch Class - Mrs K Mallon & Miss K Daly
- Chestnut Class - Miss L Walford
- Cherry Class - Miss F Nolan
- Pear Class - Mrs S Charlesworth & Mrs L Howard
- Willow Class - Miss C Wright

We are pleased to welcome Miss Nolan to our teaching team in Cherry class and our two new School Direct trainees, Mr Barry Harding (Rowan class) and Miss Charlotte Milligan (Silver Birch class). Mrs Wood, Mrs Hunter & Miss Daly (when she's not in Silver Birch!) will continue to undertake some cover in classes and teaching small groups of children. Mr Cannon is also returning to continue teaching PE & Sport across the school.

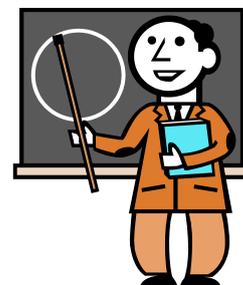
We are delighted to welcome Mr Daniel Huskinson to our team of seven teaching assistants, following the successful completion of his PE Apprentice year. The team will continue their excellent support of teaching and learning. So welcome back also to Mrs Spirrett, Mrs Phillips, Miss Beeton, Miss Lawson, Mrs Isaacs and Miss Kerry. Mrs Satterley will hopefully be re-joining us later this term following her maternity leave.

Mrs Cooke continues to help out in the school office on Mondays and Fridays - we are very grateful for her invaluable contribution to the smooth running of our school.

### MEET THE TEACHER

Please put this date and time in your diary! 'Meet the Teacher' will be held on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup>

September from 2.45 - 3.15pm. At these you will get an opportunity to learn more about what your child will be doing in school, homework, details of our attendance rewards, topics, the school PFA & much, much more!



### PERSONAL ORGANISERS

Every child has been provided with a personal organiser. Please sign and return the agreements if you haven't already done so and keep an eye out for messages etc. that may appear in your child's organiser. Please also feel free to put your own comments and messages for us to read too and most importantly encourage your child to have it in school at all times and ask your child to show the teacher if there is a message in it from you. **We provide these free of charge, but should your child lose it, we do charge £5 for a replacement.**



## ATTENDANCE, PUNCTUALITY & TERM TIME HOLIDAYS

In 2015/16 our absence level was 3.8% which means we exceeded our annual target of 96% attendance.

As ever we must continue to work hard to keep our attendance on track again this year. Attendance is a key priority for all schools and the Department for Education continue to set challenging attendance targets for schools. As usual we will be closely monitoring absence and punctuality alongside the Local Authority and the DfE. We will work with and provide support to children and families with particular difficulties.

As last year there will be many activities related to attendance and punctuality. This includes the whole school skiing lesson reward scheme for all children who achieve an attendance level of 97%+ has started again. This will run from the first school day in September and you will receive a letter about this shortly. Last year 112 children achieved this reward and in July we took just the Y6 children to the Snowdome and on 21<sup>st</sup> September will be taking the remaining qualifying children for their lesson. With your help and encouragement we hope to take even more children at the end of this year. We are again including punctuality in the ski reward and therefore please make sure your child arrives **on time** - which is in school between **8.40 - 8.50am** and ready to start lessons at 9am to



minimise disruption. **Children who regularly arrive after 8.50am will not qualify for the ski reward.**

**A reminder about applications for term time holidays. It has been agreed within the Carlton Academy family of schools that holidays taken in term time are unauthorised unless there are truly exceptional circumstances. Please be aware that Parents/Carers may be fined if they subsequently remove their children from school for unauthorised holidays.**

We are trying to improve attendance as there is a direct link between how often a child attends school and their academic achievements.

## BOOK CLUB

This is run by Mrs Gordon every Wednesday afternoon. Children save up to buy books of their choice - the minimum amount they can bring in is 20p.

## VOLUNTEER HELPERS

We really want to encourage parents, grandparents & carers to come into school and help support our community. This can be with reading, art, general classroom activities, swimming on Mondays and can be as little or as much time as you like. Please contact the school office if you are interested.

## MOBILE PHONES

Please can we remind you that mobile phones **are not allowed in school**. Should a child still choose to bring a phone into school 'illegally', any loss or damage remains the responsibility of parents.

In addition any phones brought in will be confiscated and parents will have to come into school to collect them from school reception.

## INDIVIDUAL MUSIC TUITION

The music lessons provided by the Arts Support Service start again this week.

Violin is on Tuesday, woodwind is on Wednesday and guitar on Thursday.

We may have **some spaces** in all these

groups. If your child is interested in lessons please contact Mrs Hall in the school office as soon as possible for further details.

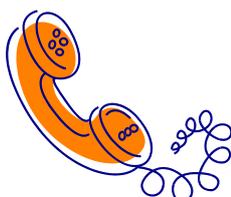


## CASH & REPLY SLIPS

If your child is bringing in cash (other than tuckshop money) and any reply slips for school visits etc. please can you ensure they are placed in a sealed envelope with the child's name on. Class teachers will ask at registration and the envelopes should then be placed in the box provided which Mrs Hall will collect from each class. Many thanks.

## EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Over the next week or so your child will be bringing home a data collection sheet which shows all the contact information we currently hold on the school office computer. It is highly likely that some of these details are out of date and we would be grateful if you could amend the sheet as necessary and return it to school as soon as possible to enable our records to be updated.



Please also keep us informed of any changes that may occur throughout the school year, particularly to mobile numbers as we do utilise a text messaging system to let you know about school events etc. as well as pushing out notifications through our school app.

## HEALTHY LUNCHBOXES

A quick reminder! Our School prospectus states that:

"packed lunches should be in a small plastic lunchbox labelled with the child's name. Drinks should be in an unbreakable container (no cans, fizzy drinks, chocolate, crisps or sweets please). If children forget their sandwiches we will try to contact you, if a school meal is provided it must be paid for the next day"



As a Healthy School we are trying to promote healthy eating as well as healthy lifestyles.

## BREAKFAST CLUB

Our breakfast club runs from 8am - 8.40am, staffed by Miss Beeton & Mrs Belshaw. This term our breakfast club will again include sporting activities led by staff. The cost is £2 per day and includes breakfast and childcare. If you are interested in your child attending breakfast club, please contact the school office. **Please note that due to insurance reasons school staff cannot be responsible for children before 8am.**

## TUCK SHOP

Our healthy school tuck shop sells fruit bags (30p) healthy pizza muffins (40p), fruit juice (40p) and toast (20p). Children can buy up to two different items.

If you do not wish your child to buy this you can send them with their own fruit or vegetables to eat at break time. We would recommend all children eat a piece of fruit at break time to stop them from getting hungry later in the morning. Please note crisps and cereal bars are not allowed as we have Enhanced Healthy Schools status and are trying to ensure all pupils eat healthily in school

## OUR SCHOOL APP & WEBSITE

As you may know we have a school app for smartphones and tablet devices - so if you haven't already done so - it's time to



download it - for free! For iPhone, iPad or iPod Touch, go to the Apple App Store and search for 'Carlton Central Jr School'. For Android phones, go to the Google Play Store and search for 'Carlton Central Jr School'. As well as our

texting service we do also push out notifications about school events so it's worth having a look.

We're always looking for local businesses/sponsors for our app - please ask any local shops, coffee shops, hair salons, small businesses or any other contacts you may have, if they would be interested in 'renting' some app space - it's a great way for them to advertise their business to our parents/carers!

Please do let us know what you think about the app or if you think we could improve it in anyway. Feedback and suggestions welcome - either in person or by email to [office@carlton.notts.sch.uk](mailto:office@carlton.notts.sch.uk)

We also have a great school website. Do check it out at: [www.carlton.notts.sch.uk](http://www.carlton.notts.sch.uk) - where you will find lots of information (including all the statutory stuff!), links to newsletters, as well as some lovely photos of our pupils engaging in lots of exciting activities.

## CONGRATULATIONS

... to Ethan Chaplin (Y6) who has been accepted for a place in the Nottingham Forest Juniors - rewarding his potential in football. Well done!

## PARKING & ACCESS ISSUES

We have again started the year with several complaints from local residents about inconsiderate and dangerous parking! Please be aware that parking on the yellow zig-zags is not permitted. We would also urge you to be considerate to our neighbours particularly at the most difficult and busy times of the day. Please also be aware that there is a private car park to the right hand side of Garden Avenue which is for residents only. A number of these residents need to be able to access this area, often due to health reasons - we would urge you not to block this area.

Please can you also ensure your children use Garden Avenue to access the school premises, rather than rushing in at the bottom gate when a car is entering the site. The drive has to be used for vehicle access and for obvious safety reasons pedestrian access should be from Garden Avenue and through the side gate opposite our playground. Many thanks.

## Y6 SATS WEEK

A reminder of Y6 SATs week which is from Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017. These are very important tests and we would urge parents/carers to try and ensure your child does not miss any vital lesson time this year.

We would also remind Parents/Carers that statutory writing assessments continue until the end of June 2017 so request that Y6 parents do not book any holidays prior to this.



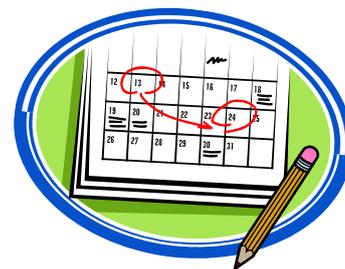
## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Also attached is a school holiday pattern & INSET days for 2016/17.

As the year progresses there will be additions/alterations to these dates, but we will keep you updated with regular newsletters and other communications.

### September

Mon 12 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 swimming starts
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup>	Roald Dahl 'dress-up' day
Weds 14 <sup>th</sup>	Y3/4 – 'Stardome' experience
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	9am – First Awards Assembly
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	2.45pm – 3.15pm – 'Meet the Teacher'
Weds 21 <sup>st</sup>	Snowdome visit – 2015-16 Attendance reward
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup>	Macmillan Coffee morning fund raiser



### October

Weds 5 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 DARE starts
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup>	Carlton Academy Open Evening – parents & pupils will have a chance to view the School
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	INSET – school closed
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup>	School Photos
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup>	3.15 - 5.50pm Open Evening
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Science (half) Day at Carlton Academy
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>	3.15 - 5.50pm Open Evening
Weds 19 <sup>th</sup>	2pm Harvest Festival at St Paul's Church
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	Last day first half of Autumn term

### HALF TERM 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> October

### October

Mon 31 <sup>st</sup>	First day back after half-term
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### November

w/c Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	Anti-bullying week
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	Children in Need
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup>	9am – Chestnut Class Assembly

### December

Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup>	3pm –PFA Christmas Fayre
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup>	9am – Oak Class Assembly
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>	Y3/4 visit to the Space Centre in Leicester
Weds 14 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm & 6.00pm Christmas Performances
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup>	pm – Carlton Academy Christmas Production
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	9am Final Autumn Term Awards Assembly & Christmas Jumper day pm – Y3/4 Christmas party
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	pm – Y5/6 Christmas party
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of Autumn term

### CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY 21<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER – 3<sup>rd</sup> JANUARY

### January

Weds 4 <sup>th</sup>	First day of Spring term
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup>	Whole school visit to see 'Jack & the Beanstalk' at the Theatre Royal

### February

Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup>	3.15 – 5.50pm Open Evening
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	3.15 – 5.50pm Open Evening

Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> 9am – Cherry Class Assembly  
Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Last day of first half of Spring term

### HALF TERM 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> February

#### February

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> First day back after half-term  
w/c Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Book week

#### March

Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> World Book day  
Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Carlton Academy Arts exhibition opens  
w/c Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Mock SATs week  
Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> 9am – Silver Birch Class Assembly  
Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Comic Relief  
Weds 29<sup>th</sup> Y4 Bikeability  
Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> Y5 Bikeability  
Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> pm Y6 yoga starts (4 week pre-SATs programme)  
Fri 31<sup>st</sup> Y5 Bikeability  
Fri 31<sup>st</sup> Last day of Spring term

### SPRING TERM HOLIDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL – 17<sup>th</sup> APRIL

#### April

Tues 18<sup>th</sup> First day of Summer term

#### May

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> May Day – school closed  
w/c Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Y6 SATs week  
Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Carlton Academy Arts exhibition closes and last day of first half of Summer term

### HALF TERM 29<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June

#### June

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> First day back after half-term  
Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> INSET – school closed  
Mon 26<sup>th</sup> INSET – school closed  
Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> am – Sports Day (TO BE CONFIRMED)

#### July

Tues 11<sup>th</sup> 9am – Rowan Class Assembly  
Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Y6 Leaver's Assembly  
Mon 17<sup>th</sup> – Y5/6 visit to Hagg Farm  
Weds 19<sup>th</sup>  
Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> 6pm Leaver's Disco  
Fri 21<sup>st</sup> 9am Final Awards Assembly  
Tues 25<sup>th</sup> Last day of Summer term

*I am really looking forward to another exciting and rewarding year here at CCJS and should you have any queries or problems, please pop in to see me to have a chat.*

Miss Julie Wardle  
Head teacher